

Bulletin for Sunday, August 23, 2020

Greeting and Welcome

Time of Centering Prayer

Prelude

Response, Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Call to Worship (responsively)

L: Jesus tells us what it means to be great.

P: It means to be a servant, to give of ourselves to others.

L: Jesus showed us the way.

P: He went to the cross for us, dying for sinners like us.

L: But in Christ's death there in new life.

P: Just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too will be raised.

Opening Hymn, "Be Thou My Vision" UMH 451

**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

Call to Confession

Prayer (in unison)

God of mercy and love. Thank you for your example of service and sacrifice. We know there are times in our lives where we are so inwardly focused that we fail to care for the needs of others. There are people you have called us to serve and we've left that important work undone. We have not only sinned against you and others by what we have done but also by our inaction. Forgive us Lord and help us to be more like Jesus. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we might be people who show your love to the world. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Musical Offering, Kelly Thompson, "Alive"

New Testament Lesson, Philippians 2:1-10

Musical Offering, Kelly Thompson, "Grace"

Gospel Lesson, Mark 10:30-45

Response, Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Sermon "Countercultural Teachings of the Bible Part 1: Servant Leadership" Pastor Warner

Responsive Song, "Jesu, Jesu" UMH 375

[Refrain:]

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

**1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]**

**2. Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]**

**3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]**

**4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]**

**5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Response, Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.

And anytime I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

Announcements

Closing Hymn, "Together We Serve" UMH TFWS 2175

- 1. Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.**

- 2. We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.**

- 3. We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.**

- 4. Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

Benediction

Closing Response, Bind Us Together

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**